AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application with the listing of claims as follows:

1-14.   (Cancelled)

15.   (Currently Amended) A processor-implemented method <u>for electronic trading</u> comprising:

presenting <u>a graphical user interface, the graphical user interface comprising:</u>

at least one option quote area <u>for</u> presenting a plurality of option quotes; [[and]]

~~presenting~~ an order entry area comprising input areas for inputting two or more option orders <u>selected from the presented plurality of option quotes</u>[[,]]<u>; and</u>

<u>a submit user control to facilitate simultaneously placing multiple option orders;</u>

<u>receiving via a processor</u> ~~wherein~~ a <u>user</u> selection of one of the presented plurality of option quotes <u>for order placement;</u>

~~results in population of~~ <u>automatically populating</u> ~~appropriate~~ <u>at least one of the</u> input areas of the order entry area with <u>attributes of first and subsequent</u> [[an]] option ~~order orders~~ corresponding to [[the]] <u>user-</u>selected option ~~quote~~ <u>quotes prior to simultaneous order placement</u>[[.]]<u>;</u>

<u>iteratively receiving a user selection and automatically populating the option order input area until the submit user control is activated; and</u>

placing the selected option orders simultaneously when the submit user control is activated.

16-18. (Cancelled)

19.   (Currently Amended) [[A]]The method according to Claim 15, wherein the step of presenting [[the]] at least one option quote area comprises:

receiving [[a]] number numbers of option quotes to present in at least one of the at least one the presented option quote area areas; and

presenting the number of option quotes in the presented option quote areas based on the numbers received for in the at least one of the at least one the corresponding option quote area areas.

20.   (Currently Amended) [[A]]The method according to Claim 15, wherein the step of presenting [[the]] at least one option quote area comprises:

receiving a number of strike prices above and/or below a particular option strike price for which associated option quotes are presented in at least one of the at least one option quote area areas; and

presenting option quotes associated with the number of strike prices above and/or below the particular option strike price in the at least one of the at least one option quote area areas.

21.   (Currently Amended) [[A]]The method according to Claim 20, wherein the particular strike price is equal to a current price of a security underlying the option.

22.   (Currently Amended) [[A]]The method according to Claim 15, wherein the step of presenting [[the]] at least one option quote area comprises:

determining one of a plurality of brightness levels of a color wherein a level of brightness is based on a difference between a strike price of an option quote and a price of a security underlying the presented option quote; and

presenting the option quote in association with the one of a plurality of brightness levels

presenting the option quote in association with the color.

23. (Currently Amended) [[A]]The method according to Claim 15, wherein ~~the step of~~ presenting [[the]] at least one option quote area comprises:

determining an option exchange associated with an option quote;

determining a color associated with the option exchange; and

presenting the option quote in association with the color.

24. (Currently Amended) A <u>computer-readable</u> medium storing <u>a plurality of</u> processor–executable ~~process steps~~ <u>directives</u>, the <u>directives</u> ~~process steps~~ comprising <u>instructions to</u>:

<u>present a graphical user interface, the graphical user interface comprising:</u>

~~a step to present~~ at least one option quote area <u>for</u> presenting a plurality of option quotes; [[and]]

~~a step to present~~ an order entry area comprising input areas for inputting two or more option orders <u>selected from the presented plurality of option quotes</u>[[,]]<u>; and</u>

a submit user control to facilitate simultaneously placing multiple option orders;

receive a user ~~wherein~~ selection of one of the presented plurality of option quotes for order placement;

~~results in population of~~ automatically populate ~~appropriate~~ at least one of the input areas of the order entry area with attributes of first and subsequent [[an]] option ~~order orders~~ corresponding to [[the]] user-selected option ~~quote~~ quotes prior to simultaneous order placement[[.]];

iteratively receive a user selection and automatically populate the option order input area until the submit user control is activated; and

place the selected option orders simultaneously when the submit user control is activated.

25-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently Amended) [[A]]The medium according to Claim 24, wherein the ~~step~~ instruction to present [[the]] at least one option quote area comprises instructions to:

~~a step to~~ receive ~~a number of~~ strike prices above and/or below a particular ~~option~~ strike price for which ~~associated~~ option quotes are presented in ~~at least one of the at least one~~ option quote ~~area~~ areas; and

~~a step to~~ present option quotes associated with the ~~number of~~ strike prices above and/or below the particular ~~option~~ strike price in ~~the at least one of the at least one~~ option quote ~~area~~ areas.

28.   (Currently Amended) [[A]]IThe medium according to Claim 27, wherein the particular strike price is equal to a current price of a security underlying the option.

29.   (Currently Amended) An electronic trading apparatus to manage corporate entities, comprising:

a processor; and

a storage device in communication with said the processor and storing instructions adapted to be executed issuable by said the processor to:

present a graphical user interface, the graphical user interface comprising:

at least one option quote area for presenting a plurality of option quotes; [[and]]

present an order entry area comprising input areas for inputting two or more option orders selected from the presented plurality of option quotes[[,]]; and

a submit user control to facilitate simultaneously placing multiple option orders;

receive wherein a user selection of one of the presented plurality of option quotes for order placement;

results in population of automatically populate appropriate at least one of the input areas of the order entry area with attributes of first and subsequent [[an]] option order orders corresponding to [[the]] user-selected option quote quotes prior to simultaneous order placement[[.]];

iteratively receive a user selection and automatically populate the option order input area until the submit user control is activated; and

place the selected option orders simultaneously when the submit user control is activated.

30-31. (Cancelled)

32.   (Currently Amended) [[An]]The apparatus according to Claim 29, wherein the instructions adapted to be executed instruction to present at least one option quote area comprise comprises instructions adapted to be executed to:

present the at least one option quote area comprises:

receive a number of strike prices above and/or below a particular option strike price for which associated option quotes are presented in at least one of the at least one option quote area areas; and

a step to present option quotes associated with the number of strike prices above and/or below the particular option strike price in the at least one of the at least one option quote area areas.

33.   (Currently Amended) [[An]]The apparatus according to Claim 32, wherein the particular strike price is equal to a current price of a security underlying the option.

34.   (Currently Amended) [[A]]An enhanced option trading system for managing option information, comprising:

an option server for receiving option quote information and for transmitting option quote information; and

a client device ~~for receiving option quote information from the option server,~~ ~~for presenting~~ in communication with the option server, the client device configured to:

present a graphical user interface, the graphical user interface comprising:

at least one option quote area for presenting a plurality of option quotes~~;, and for presenting~~

an order entry area comprising input areas for inputting two or more option orders selected from the presented plurality of option quotes[[,]]; and

a submit user control to facilitate simultaneously placing multiple option orders;

receive ~~wherein~~ a user selection of one of the presented plurality of option quotes for order placement;

~~results in population of~~ automatically populate ~~appropriate~~ at least one of the input areas of the order entry area with attributes of first and subsequent [[an]] option ~~order~~ orders corresponding to [[the]] user-selected option ~~quote~~ quotes prior to simultaneous order placement[[.]];

iteratively receive a user selection and automatically populate the option order input area until the submit user control is activated; and

place the selected option orders simultaneously when the submit user control is activated.

35-36. (Cancelled)

37.   (Currently Amended) [[A]]The system according to Claim 34, wherein the client device receives a number of strike prices above and/or below a particular option strike price for which associated option quotes are presented in at least one of the at least one option quote area areas, and presents option quotes associated with the number of strike prices above and/or below the particular option strike price in the at least one of the at least one option quote area areas.

38.   (New) The method according to Claim 15, further comprising presenting in the graphical user interface attributes of the plurality of presented option quotes

39.   (New) The medium according to Claim 24, wherein the directives further comprise instructions to present in the graphical user interface attributes of the plurality of presented option quotes.

40.   (New) The apparatus according to Claim 29, wherein the storage device further stores instructions to present in the graphical user interface attributes of the plurality of presented option quotes.

41.   (New) The system according to Claim 34, wherein the client device is further configured to present in the graphical user interface attributes of the plurality of presented option quotes.